

**Belmont Human Rights Commission
Belmont Town Hall
May 7, 2009**

Meeting Notes

Members Present: Judie Feins, Connie Williams, Fran Yuan

Members Absent: Janet Cudmore-Boswell, Rosalind Kabrhel, Lisa Bernt, Nan Donald

Liaisons Present: Captain Peter Hoerr (Belmont Police Department), Kathryn Bonfiglio (BAR)

Prospective Members Present: Julie Cicalese, Laura Panos

Member of the Public Present: John Vercellone

The meeting began at 7:15 pm

1. Fran Yuan presided, and Judie Feins took these notes. No quorum was present.
2. Fran reported there were no calls to the HRC phone line last month.
3. There was a discussion of the archiving project. Connie Williams and the volunteers from the High School met with Anne Goldenberg once at Anne's home. But Anne has been ill, so no further progress has been made. Connie is concerned that we figure out where the project is headed before putting more work into it. The Belmont Historical Society and a display at the Library for the Belmont 150th anniversary celebration were mentioned.

Judie hoped for one more session before school ends, to do a basic retrieval of materials on Belmont Fair Practices and the Roxbury-Belmont Summer Program. (These are mixed with items on other related topics from that era.)

4. There was a discussion of plans and schedule for Town Day.
5. Membership: Judie announced she will step down from the HRC at the end of her term in June. The two prospective members—Julie Cicalese and Laura Panos—introduced themselves and asked some questions about the HRC. Paul Solomon is also considering volunteering for the HRC.
6. Kathryn Bonfiglio made several announcements for BAR:
 - The Boston-Belmont dialogue is starting up, with an initial session on May 31. There will be a facilitator involved.
 - The trial of the man accused of Herman Taylor's murder is underway. (It ended in a guilty verdict.)
 - The BAR annual meeting will be held at the Friday coffee house of the Unitarian-Universalist church on June 12.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.